

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 5 and 11 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-10 to read as follows.

1. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image ~~carrier for carrying an image~~ forming unit having an image bearing member and which is capable of being detachably attached to a main body of said image forming apparatus;

an intermediate transfer ~~body~~ member disposed at an upper position relative to said image forming unit, and to which the image on said image ~~carrier~~ bearing member is transferred;

~~transfer~~ recording material conveying means for conveying a ~~transfer~~ recording material along a conveyance route;

transfer means for transferring the image on said intermediate transfer ~~body~~ member onto the ~~transfer~~ recording material conveyed by said ~~transfer~~ recording material conveying means;

~~a delivery portion for delivering the transfer material on which the image is~~
transferred;

a first openable portion which is disposed on an upper face of the main body
and is openable with respect to an apparatus the main body, said first openable portion
holding said intermediate transfer body and said delivery portion; and member;

a second openable portion which is disposed on a side surface of the main
body and is openable to expose the conveyance route; route; and

a guide member for supporting attachment and detachment of said image
forming unit to and from the main body of said image forming apparatus.

~~wherein one of said first openable portion and said second openable portion~~
~~is disposed on a side face of the apparatus body and the other thereof is disposed on an~~
~~upper surface of the apparatus body, and said openable portion on the upper surface can be~~
~~opened in a state that said openable portion on the side face is closed~~ said image forming
unit is capable of being attached and detached by said guide member through an opening
which is formed when said second openable portion is closed and said first openable
portion is opened.

2. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said first openable portion is openable around a first rotary shaft as a
center, wherein said second openable portion is openable around a second rotary shaft as a
center, and wherein said first rotary shaft and said second rotary shaft are disposed as to
extend substantially parallel to a ~~transfer~~ recording material conveyance surface and
substantially perpendicular to a conveyance direction of the ~~transfer~~ recording material.

3. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the first rotary shaft and the second rotary shaft are disposed at positions such that said first openable portion and said second openable portion are moved away from each other when opened.

4. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said intermediate transfer ~~body~~, ~~said delivery portion~~ member, and said first openable portion are structured in a united body.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 5 1, wherein said ~~holding~~ image forming unit is attachable and detachable in a vertical direction.

7. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transfer means comprises a transfer member in contact with said intermediate transfer ~~body~~ member, and wherein said transfer member is held by said second openable portion.

8. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ~~transfer~~ recording material conveying means comprises at least a pair

of roller members, wherein one roller member is held by the ~~apparatus~~ main body, and wherein the other roller member is held by said second openable portion.

9. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising fixing means held by said second openable portion for fixing the image transferred from said intermediate transfer ~~body~~ member to the ~~transfer~~ recording material.

10. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising fixing means held by said first openable portion for fixing the image transferred from said intermediate transfer ~~body~~ member to the ~~transfer~~ recording material.

Claim 11 (cancelled)